

Laingburg.

K. S. Piper will move onto the Ladue farm, east of the village—Geo. W. Shuman is about trading his 40 acre farm with W. H. Benson for a house and lot in the village—A. Leber shipped over 3,000 dozen eggs in one day, recently—The voters of Laingburg voted to build a new iron bridge across the Looking Glass river, in place of the old wooden Berry bridge; also to repair the bridge across the swamp, north of town. They also instructed the town board to settle with Wert and Wert for the damages received in breaking through the Carey bridge, last August—Town meeting passed off very quietly on the 5th. The silviculture was successful in electing their full ticket, with majorities ranging from 26 to 116. They think the millenium is soon coming—Roads are improving and business picking up a little. So let it be.

Burton.

Mrs. Charles Valentine, of Ovid, was the guest of Mrs. R. W. Williams, Thursday of last week—The Disciple aid society met with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodin, Thursday—Mrs. P. H. Wilkin, of Row, is visiting friends in this place—Mrs. D. S. Wright, of Benton, and A. E. and Mrs. Cadz were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Vincent, Tuesday—Eddie Yoxen entertained a number of his friends Friday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Barrows—Proseching service at the M. P. church next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. S. S. Fleming, at 10 o'clock—Sidney and Miss Grace Williams were the guests of C. U. and Miss Edna Wilkin, of Row, over Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. M. McCree and daughter Leota were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cadz over Sunday—Mrs. R. Bagley, of St. Johns, visited her sister, Mrs. G. Gibson, two days the past week—Mrs. J. C. Scott and daughter Laura returned home from Fargo, Wednesday—The M. E. aid society met Wednesday with Mrs. Wm. Mitchell—William Potter left Monday for Port Huron where he has secured a position as harness-maker—G. E. Wright spent Wednesday in Henderson and Oakley—Mr. and Mrs. G. U. Rogers entertained a number of their friends at tea Tuesday—J. E. Van Houten was in Elsie Tuesday on business—The cottage prayer meeting will be held at Rev. D. S. Cramer's, Tuesday evening.

Cortina.

A. L. Pond, with the Spague Electric Elevator Company, of New York City, was home for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Pond, and to attend the wedding of his sister. He is an expert electrician and is heartily in favor of municipal ownership of electric lighting plants. He is obtaining much valuable information as he is sent over the United States in the interest of the company. He left for Buffalo, Thursday. His many friends here are well pleased with his continual advancement—Geo. C. Clutterbuck, of the firm of Currie & Clutterbuck, will spend a portion of his time on the road for a Pennsylvania shoe firm. The close confinement in the store has become detrimental to his health and he has hopes that an occasional trip around the state will be beneficial. Thus far he is well pleased and we know the firm represents will be also, for he is an honorable man and a good salesman—Commander J. C. Thomas and past commanders Jacobs and Wilkinson, and comrade D. C. Cooper are attending the G. A. R. encampment at Greenville, this week. They will vote for Col. Bliss for department commander—The latest report from Major Garland is that he is slowly but surely improving—Mrs. J. E. Carland spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Senator Covell, at Lansing—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carr are expected home from their California trip next week—Judge McCurdy left for Chicago to try a case in the United States circuit court, Monday—Journal.

Vernon.

Mrs. Milo Howard is enjoying a visit from her sister this week—The funeral of Henry Wiggins was held at the Baptist church, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wiggins was a much respected gentleman. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn. He was an Odd Fellow, and a large number of the order were in attendance—W. Hollinbeck and wife spent Sunday with Guy Hart, near Perry—Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson has returned from Milan—John Q. Davids is on the sick list—Rev. Emerick and wife spent the past week at Olio—B. Holmes and family returned from Capao, Friday evening—Ernest Hart is home from Bannister, where he has been working—Mrs. F. W. French, of Perry, visited in town the last of the week—Miss Maggie Yerkes has been suffering with la grippe this week—Rev. E. Severance and wife are visiting at J. H. Patterson's—Will Hibbard, of Durand, called on friends here, Wednesday—Miss Hazel Clark is on the sick list—A surprise party was given for Miss McKinney, at the home of her sister, Mrs. B. G. Goss, in this place on Tuesday evening—Mrs. N. J. Strong was in Owosso on Friday—Walter Corp has gone to York State to visit his parents—John McLean and wife are moving from Owosso to the Rev. John McLean's farm, one mile east of here—The teachers hired for the coming year in this place are Prof. W. B. Sheehan for the high school, Miss Della Thompson for the grammar department, Miss Ethel Goss for the intermediate, and Miss Martin for the primary department—Free shows are being given at the hall this week, the object being to introduce medicine. An Indian doctor accompanies the troop—Mrs. G. Goff and daughters, Messes Emma and Elsie, were in Owosso Monday—Dewey Bryant is arranging a photograph gallery near his home in this place—H. Elwell and family will move from here soon to a farm two miles south-east of Durand.

Ovid.

Miss Nellie Evans, of Lansing, is the guest of her sister, May—Joseph Hathaway is still very ill. There is no hope of his recovery—Mrs. Charles Williams has purchased the residence of S. C. Wright, on High street—Maple River creamery will re-open April 13—John Gilbert and family moved onto the Weatherly fruit farm, south of Ovid, last week—Chas. Jones will occupy Mr. Gilbert's Ovid residence—Miss Atwood, of Owosso, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Minore—School opened Monday with good attendance, but not so good as if the measles had not seized a number of the pupils—Win Broadbent, who is working in a factory at Flint, was in Ovid over Sunday with relatives—Maude Clark and Mrs. Geo. Hunting visited their cousin, Celia Smith, in St. Johns, last Thursday and Friday—F. A. Conant and wife were in Owosso last Saturday—Chas. Brady, who has been spending his vacation with his parents, returned to Albion college, Tuesday—Ed. Conant and wife, of Owosso, spent Sunday with Ovid relatives—Bard Winslow, who is working in Owosso, spent Sunday with his mother—Mrs. Jennie King visited her sister, Mrs. Carpenter, in Owosso, last week—The entire republican ticket was carried with the exception of L. D. Cooley for justice of the peace, and John Cross for constable—J. P. Moore moved into the Hathaway house on Front street, last week—Mr. and Mrs. Towner and two children, of Reading, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Conant's, parents of Mrs. Towner.

Byron.

William Dyer, C. M. Buell and A. J. Williams at Corunna, Thursday—William Wadley is home after quite a lengthy sojourn in Ohio—We noticed the genial countenance of Andrew Rohrabacher, of Laingburg, in Byron one of two days last week—Mrs. Elia Lewis, who has been in Byron a week during the vacation in her school at Fowler, returned Saturday night—Arthur Benson, who teaches in the same school, spent the week with his father and mother at the M. E. parsonage—T. H. Becton has purchased the Gauls store and will utilize it as a dwelling for a time. Bert Rohrabacher has moved into the house vacated by him for which he traded land some time ago—William Sayers' family have moved onto his farm 2 1/2 miles west from the village. Mr. Sayers will board with the family who live in his house—Mabel Foster spent Sunday in Byron—John Garden, of Madison, Livingston county, at B. S. Foster's Saturday and Sunday—Wm. Jacobs and little boy are back from Kansas where they have been living about two years—Dr. Webster is treating several cases of hernia in Byron, making it necessary for him to be here most of his time—Our township meeting passed off quietly; however, there was quite a strife between the candidates for supervisor and treasurer. The silviculture elected all except highway commissioner and member of the board of review. The republicans feel gratified in view of the fact that last fall the silviculture had 69 majority, whereas Monday the majority on the state ticket was only 6, and only 21 on constables—Harvey Burlingame has moved from the Tubbs place back into the village and Pat. Fox takes his place on the farm—Revival meetings are being held in the M. E. church, afternoon and evening—Herbert Chambers is engaged in J. D. Williams' hardware store. He was in his employ a short time two years ago—Alfred Garden has gone to Brady, Saginaw county, to look after his farm interests there.

WILL BE MOVED BACK.

Salisbury's Shoe Factory is to be Moved From Corunna to Owosso.

We have been informed on good authority that D. R. Salisbury will move his shoe factory back to this city from Corunna. Owosso contractors have been figuring on the job of tearing down the large, two-story brick building, occupied by the factory and erecting the same on a site now owned by Salisbury, on Washington street, south of the Ann Arbor railway, and the job was let on Tuesday evening for the removal. Last Summer Mr. Salisbury moved his plant to Corunna and built a large, two-story brick building, upon being promised a bonus of \$3,000 by the city. This he never received, though he fully lived up to his part of the agreement—Reporter.

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THE RAILROAD BILLS.

An Interesting Fight to Take Place in the House.

REPORT ON PINGREE MEASURES.

House Committee Recommends That They Do Not Pass, but the Fight on the Floor Promises To Be Unusually Sharp and Interesting—The Widoe Special Investigation a Gigantic Failure—The Bicycle Baggage Bill—Other Legislative Matters.

Lansing, Mich., April 6.—The opposing factions are now squaring away for the fight to take place in the house one week from today over the several railroad bills. After two protracted hearings, which were participated in by the representatives of the various roads, who argued against the measures, and by Colonel Atkinson and Railroad Commissioner Wessellus, who upheld them, the committee has reported out the most important of the Pingree measures with the recommendation that they do not pass. These bills provide for the local taxation of railroad property instead of requiring the companies to pay a special tax as now, and for a flat 2-cent passenger fare, and prohibit discrimination in freight rates by providing that if a company grants any person, firm or corporation a special rate, any other shipper can demand a similar rate. The members of the committee were unanimous in reporting the bills adversely, but, notwithstanding this fact, the fight on the floor is sure to be unusually sharp and interesting. It is believed that the two hearings referred to made many votes against the bills, the converted members saying that the cold hard facts and figures submitted by the railroad officials were met by the opposition only with sarcasm, ridicule or statements of a general nature did not tend to controvert the showing made in behalf of the roads. Be this as it may, there is no doubt that a number of members, who before the hearings were inclined to favor the bills, will now vote against them.

Has Been a Failure.

The facts that the Widoe special investigating committee has confessedly found but very few well-founded complaints of discrimination in freight rates, has also had a tendency to put the companies in much better odor with the members than when the session commenced. The opinion is general that so far as making a case against the railroads is concerned, the Widoe investigation has been a gigantic failure. The result of all this is that, although it was thought a couple of months ago that some of the so-called Pingree legislation would pass the house but be killed in the senate, the consensus of opinion now is that it will never reach the senate.

The bicycle baggage bill will become a law, the committee having reported it out favorably after amending it so as to relieve the companies from liability in case they provide hooks or other suitable device for holding wheels during transportation. Under this bill no charge will be made for carrying the bicycle of a passenger. In this connection it may be interesting to note that a Michigan Central official informed me a few days ago that his company has a contract with a Toledo bicycle concern to repair all wheels damaged on that road, and that the company's repair bill amounts to a very large sum annually. This official said it is really astounding what people will do to spite or injure a railroad company. He declared that this was especially noticeable in connection with the transportation of bicycles belonging to passengers, numerous instances having been noted where an evil-minded person would deliberately kick a bicycle that happened to be standing at a station, knowing that the expense of repairing it would have to be borne by the company.

An Important Matter.

Another matter of very general interest has been made the special order for next week, which, by the way, promises to be one of the most interesting and important of the session. This is the Kimball bill providing that each county officer shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the supervisors within certain limits, and that all fees be paid into the general fund of the county. The consideration of this bill has been made the special order for next week Thursday, and an interesting debate is anticipated. It is believed that the influence of the state grange and state association of farmers' clubs, both of which are a unit in favor of its passage, will be sufficient to land it a winner, despite the fact that it is being fiercely antagonized by every county officer in the state.

Representative Wetherbee's civil service bill affecting all counties having a population of 100,000 and upwards, and all cities having a population of 20,000 is an interesting document, and but little has been said about it. It provides for a non-partisan state civil service commission of three members to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, each commissioner to have a salary of \$3,000 per year and expenses. The classification of the service is the principal feature of the bill. The only officials not included in the classified service are elective officers, officers whose appointment is confirmed by the senate, the heads of the principal departments of state or municipal government, and their deputies. The governor and mayor are each permitted to select their own secretary and stenographer, but all the other appointees are to be within the classified service. The bill further provides for a municipal civil service commission to be appointed by the mayor, the members of which are to receive from \$3 to \$5 per day for actual service.

The State Is a Gainer.

During the last two years the supreme court has not been permitting technicalities to interfere with the collection of taxes and the enforcement of the tax law. The result has been that large property owners, who previously permitted their lands to be returned delinquent, now pay their taxes promptly and the state has been the decided gainer. Occasionally this strict holding has worked a hardship, but on the whole it has been a great boon to the state. There has been some complaint that property has been sold through the neglect of agents who were commissioned to pay the taxes in the absence of the owners, who were out of the country, etc., and, therefore, had no notice

of sale. To avoid a petition of these hardships, the senate has passed a bill providing that no tax deed be issued until personal notice of sale has been served on the property owner. At present notice by publication is all that is required.

One of the most spirited contests of the session, that with reference to the bills advocated by the state fish commission, has been settled, the commission and commercial fishermen agreeing upon a compromise measure. By the terms of this bill the size of the mesh is to be increased to two and one-half inches as used in the water, instead of that size before tarring, which shrinks it one-half. No whitish weighing less than two pounds in the round are to be taken, and the month of November is to be a close season.

The License Fee

The license fee is to be \$50 for steam tugs, \$10 for pound nets, \$5 for seines and \$5 for sailboats used in the business. In order to give commercial fishermen a chance to readjust their nets, etc., without serious loss it is provided that the law shall not take effect until April 1, 1900.

A vicious custom, which has come to be extensively followed in the legislature of this state, is that which enables a member to secure the passage of a so-called local bill on his assurance that it is all right. A great majority of these local bills are given no adequate consideration. When they are reached on the calendar the member representing the territory or constituency affected by the measure simply assures his colleagues that the bill is purely local and of no interest outside of his district. He, therefore, moves that the reading of the bill be dispensed with, the rules suspended, and the bill placed upon its immediate passage. No one asks a question about the bill, and no one, save the introducer, knows anything about it. It is not infrequently the case that the bill contains provisions suspending, so far as that municipality is concerned, the operation of important provisions of general laws. In other cases city and village charters are thus rushed through before the citizens have been governed by them have any knowledge of their provisions, or, in fact, that any such bills have ever been introduced. It was only a month or so ago that a charter for the city of Grand Rapids was railroaded through the lower house in this manner. It proved to be a worthless and vicious measure which was subsequently disowned even by the person who prepared it. A new charter was prepared and, after one of the most persistent fights of the session, the latter became a law.

An Interesting Personage.

The reformer in the legislature is an interesting personage. He is here in quite liberal proportions this year, and, although he is always energetic, he does not always care to be informed. I have in mind a case where a committee were recently disposed to cut a \$5,000 appropriation for one of the most important departments of state government. Some of the members of the committee who were thus inclined, could not be induced to even inspect the needs of the department which the proposed reduction would seriously cripple, although it was within a stone's throw of the door of the committee room. One of the gentlemen frankly admitted that he was not gifted as a speaker, his only chance of making a reputation was in the committee, and he proposed to do it by cutting every appropriation bill that came into his hands. This would be all right if his investigation showed that such cut would be judicious, but his idea was to refuse to investigate for fear he would be convinced that it would be injudicious.

A few weeks ago I was in the house when the agricultural college appropriation bill was under consideration. All went well until the item of \$5,000 for student labor was reached. At this juncture a man who is serving his second term in that body, arose and in thunderous tones demanded that some friend of the bill inform the house what that meant. "I'd like to know," he shouted, "if the time has come when we have to pay students for attending our colleges."

Contest in Oratory.

The high schools of Lansing, Ithaca and Saginaw, send their champions here to a trial of skill in oratory this Friday evening at 8 o'clock p. m., in the lecture room of the Congregational church. The winter will have the honor to represent the three schools in the State High School Oratorical Association. The orations are of nearly equal merit and there will be sharp competition. You cannot afford to miss it. A nominal admission fee of ten cents will be charged to defray expenses.

In the state contest at Olivet, April 16th, 31 leading high schools will be directly or indirectly represented. Three prizes—first, \$32.00; second, \$20.00.

Quarterly Meeting of S. S. Superintendents and Teachers' Union.

Program for the quarterly meeting of S. S. Superintendents and Teachers' Union to be held in the Disciple church Monday evening, April 12, 1897. Program to begin at 7:30.

Music—Congregation.
Devotional exercises—Rev. John Sweet.
Music—Business.
Music—Congregation.
S. S. MANAGEMENT.
1. Equipment—a. Things Essential; b. Things Desirable. M. H. REYNOLDS.
2. Discipline—a. Why have it; b. How secure it. Mrs. A. E. FERRY.
3. Attention—a. Defined; b. Conditions upon which it can be secured. V. R. POXB.
Music—Discussion.
Music.
All interested in Sunday School work are invited and urged to attend. Some special music will be furnished by a congregational choir.

Elsie, Mich., March 1, 1897.
My husband has been troubled with scrofula in his blood, and has taken Hood's Sarsaparilla every spring for three years. It has done him more good than any other medicine he has ever tried. We received the Rainy Day Puzzle, sent for three trademarks and eight cents in stamps, and our little son is much pleased with it. Mrs. Della Moore.
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Stock and Building Burned.

The first fire for several weeks occurred Wednesday morning, when the south Chippman street grocery store and stock was burned, practically entire. The building was bursting with flames before the fire was discovered and there was no chance to save anything. The building, owned by F. S. Steadman, was worth about \$250, with no insurance, and the grocery stock, by William Miller, valued at about \$800, and was insured for one-half its value. The fire department were unable to assist materially, as the fire was beyond control before an alarm was turned in.

Michigan Christian Missionary Association.

The annual convention of the Michigan Christian Missionary Association is being held in the Disciple church this week, and is well attended and must be productive of much good. Sessions will be held this afternoon at 2:00; a C. W. B. M. meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a. m., and a Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 2:00 in the afternoon. The program is as follows:

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 9 A. M.
Devotions.
Needed Improvements in Y. P. S. C. E. Work—Ella Moore, Duplain.
The Y. P. S. C. E. as a Spiritual Element in the Church—May McMillan, Owosso.
Future of the Y. P. S. C. E. in Relation to the Church—Mrs. Anney VanEver, Owosso.
How to Secure a more Conscientious Observance of the Pledge—Delbert Wakeman, Easton.
SATURDAY, 2 P. M.
Devotions.
Business—The Annual Election of Officers, etc.
Sermon.
Singing Evangelist Clarence Daniels, of Ionia, will be present to conduct song services. A good convention is expected.

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